

Envy Dies Hard.

It will be some time, no doubt, before we will fully appreciate the work done for us by the chief officers of the late Congress. Not only were they at it early and late for many months before the meeting, sacrificing time, money and leisure, but they were nagged at by a number of "Great I Am's," who are overcome to such inconvenience with self-opinion, that they are bewildered as they try to explain how the Congress dared proceed without them. Anyone who reads the journals must observe this insufferable conceit in the case of one or two prominent individuals. After doing their best to bring disrepute upon the proposal, and predicting all sorts of disaster, they sought to regain the respect they forfeited; and now that fails, they shower epithets upon the respected President and other of the active officers. Had any Britisher so insulted the officials there would have been an earthquake in Buffalo, and somebody would have repeated for popularity the congenial amusement of pulling the teeth of the British lion. We are quite certain that were any British dental journal to write such posthumous criticism as appears in the last issue of the *Advertiser*, there would be a lively "playing to the galleries" by the very man who wrote it. "There was dissatisfaction expressed with the President, as not being sufficiently a representative man, or one who had not been widely recognized as a writer or original worker," etc. "Dr. Shepherd has not that suavity of manner which might enable him to perform a disagreeable duty in a graceful style; but he presided with dignity, and there was never any wrangling upon the floor, a spectacle not altogether strange to such meetings." It is pretty hard to satisfy such a critic. Of course, everybody knows who should have been "the representative man," "widely recognized as a writer," etc. What a pity he will not keep for the Congress next century!

September Preliminary Lectures.

Most of the American colleges, both medical and dental, have what is known as a Fall Course. Prof. Garretson, Dean of the Philadelphia Dental School, takes advantage of this term each season to instruct his students in what may be termed the collateral foundations. The subject of his present course is the declensions of Latin nouns and adjectives, as these relate to the writing of prescriptions. Last September he lectured on the human hypostasis. Dental students are not, as a rule, college bred, and it is easily understood that courses of this kind can prove nothing else than invaluable. This announcement may afford a hint to deans